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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS FOR DECEMBER 7, 2005, HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 E MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Acting Chair Cowan.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Kendra Burch arrived at 5:40 PM, Bob Cowan, D. Michael Kane, and Tom O'Donnell
Members Absent: Len Pacheco
Staff Present: Sandy Baily, Associate Planner

ITEM 1: 4 TAIT AVENUE

The Committee reconsidered plans to paint a wall mural and install a flag pole at the Los Gatos Museum located in the Broadway Historic District. Kane moved to recommend approval to the Town Council with the following conditions:

1. The doors shall look like true doors and the proposed sign shall be above the windows and within the door.
2. As presented by the applicant, the base of the sign shall be transparent.

Cowan seconded, motion passed unanimously. The applicable recommended conditions from the previous meeting are still recommended.

Burch arrived. Cowan turned meeting over to Vice-Chair Burnett.

ITEM 2: 150 W. MAIN STREET

The Committee considered plans to modify the entry doors to meet ADA requirements as part of a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial building located in the Commercial Historic District. Cowan moved to recommend approval to the Planning Commission. O'Donnell seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: 45 WADSWORTH

The Committee considered a request from staff to interpret whether or not a covered entry way (under construction) on a pre-1941 single family residence, meets the Pre-1941 Design Guidelines. The Committee discussed and made recommendations regarding the details of the entry way. Burch moved to continue the matter with the direction that the applicant provide drawings. O'Donnell seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. **44 ASHLER AVENUE**

The Committee considered a request to construct a second story addition to a pre-1941 single family residence. The Committee expressed concern that the proposed addition was too boxlike and that the mass should be pulled down. Suggestions were made to soften the addition so that it was more sympathetic to the original structure. Kane moved to continue the matter for a redesign. Burch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of November 2, 2005 were passed with the correction to the condition for 218 Wilder Avenue, allowing the use of the vinyl clad wood window. Cowan abstained since he was not present at this meeting.

ITEM 6: **OTHER BUSINESS**

O'Donnell recused himself from the meeting since he lives within 500 feet of the next item.

- a. 17041 Los Robles Way - The Committee considered a preliminary request to add onto a pre-1941 family residence. The Committee stated that the house had no historic significance and recommended that the applicant return to the next meeting requesting to remove the house from the inventory.

The Committee reopened Item #1 since Artist, John Pugh, arrived and had comments regarding the Commission's motion. Pugh explained to the Committee that the proposed sign would actually cover a portion of the painted windows. Pugh justified this placement. The Committee discussed ideas with this placement. Burch moved to amend the conditions as follows:

1. The doors shall look like true doors and the painted windows may be partially obscured with the proposed sign with trompe-l'oeil shadows cast onto the painted windows.
2. As presented by the applicant, the base of the sign shall be transparent.

Kane seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7: **STATUS OF PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

Baily informed the Committee on the status of previous applications.

ITEM 8: **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. to the next regular meeting on January 4, 2006.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Sandy L. Baily, Associate Planner
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Len Pacheco, Chair